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At Home Storytime for Families

Let's Explore Shapes & Scraps!

Here are some songs to sing together!

The Shape Song

A triangle. Can you make a triangle?
A triangle. Can you make a triangle?
A triangle. Can you find a triangle?
A triangle. Can you find a triangle?
Can you find a triangle? Ready...GO!
Now, let's make a rectangle!
A rectangle. Can you make a rectangle?...
How about an oval? An oval.
Can you make an oval?...
Now, let's make a star! A star.
Can you make a star?...
A triangle, a rectangle, an oval, and a star.
A triangle, a rectangle, an oval, and a star.
A triangle, a rectangle, an oval, and a star.....

Humpty Dumpty

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall.
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall.
All the king's horses and all the king's men
Couldn't put Humpty together again.

Virtual Read Alouds of Favorite Books

Round Is a Mooncake

by Roseanne Thong

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

What are some shapes you can see from your window? What are some shapes you can see in your food? What shapes can you find on your clothes?

Spare Dog Parts

by Alison Hughes

Some questions to ask during or after the story:

What makes a pet good for cuddling? What other animals help the girl put the spare dog parts together? What animal would you make out of spare parts?

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Here are some activities the whole family can do together!

Scrap Collage!

Turn scrap paper, old receipts, food wrappers, junk mail and other scraps into collages! What would you make? Humpty Dumpty from our rhyme? A dog of spare bits like in the book *Spare Dog Parts*? Or maybe some other kind of animal, person or idea?

You can make anything, but be sure to follow your child's lead and ask lots of questions to have them think and talk about what they're making! Tearing things by hand is a great alternative to using scissors and will help kids build muscles to hold a pencil and write one day. Talk about the shapes you make from your scraps and see the different ways they can go together!

Use tape or glue at the end if you'd like to make a more permanent piece of artwork or leave the pieces loose to keep creating new designs!

Shape Hunt

Go on a hunt around your home for different shapes. Ask, "Where can we find a square? How about a circle? How about a rectangle?" Have your child collect as many items as they safely can within reach, and then see if you can use any objects to create new shapes (for example, pressing two square items together to make a rectangle.)



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